

**SIEMENS****FACSIMILE COVER SHEET**RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUN 30 2006

In the UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: Nigel-Philip Cox

Application No. 10/511,250

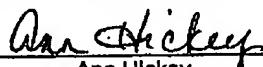
Atty. Docket No: 2002P00676WOUS

Filed: October 08, 2004

Title: **COMPONENT COMPRISING A MASKING LAYER**

Examiner: Jason L. Savage

Art Unit: 1775

► **FACSIMILE ATTN TO: JASON L. SAVAGE FAX NO.: 571-273-8300**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTIONCommissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8**I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on  
June 30, 2006.

Ann Hickey

Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of transmission, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

This facsimile cover sheet which includes a Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8 (1 pg)  
PTO/SB/21 Transmittal (1 pg)  
Response to Office Action bearing "date mailed" of 04/05/2006 (7 pgs)**Number of pages being transmitted (Including this cover sheet): 9 pgs**

---

The information contained in this facsimile message may contain attorney privileged and confidential information intended only for the use of the individual or entity named above. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient, or the employee or agent responsible to deliver it to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please immediately notify us by telephone, and return the original message to us. Thank you.

---

**Siemens Corporation**Legal and Intellectual Property  
Department4400 Alafaya Trail  
Orlando Florida 32826Tel: 407-736-2472  
FAX: 407-736-6440

JUN. 30. 2006 1:32PM 407-736-6440

NO. 3657 P. 2

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0851-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**TRANSMITTAL  
FORM**

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

9

Application Number

10/511,250

Filing Date

October 08, 2004

First Named Inventor

Nigel-Philip Cox

**RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

Art Unit

1775

Examiner Name

Jason L. Savage

JUN 30 2006

Attorney Docket Number

2002P00676WOUS

**ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)**

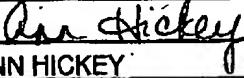
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	1) Facsimile Cover Sheet including a certificate of transmission under 37 CFR 1.8
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<b>Remarks</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application	Response to Office Action bearing "date mailed" of 04/05/2006 is being filed.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT**

Firm	SIEMENS		
Signature			
Printed Name	JOHN P. MUSONE		
Date	JUNE 30, 2006	Reg. No.	44,961

**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below.

Signature	
Typed or printed name	ANN HICKEY
Date	JUNE 30, 2006

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUN 30 2008

**SIEMENS**

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 2002P00676WOUS

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Inventor:	N. Cox et al.	)	Group Art Unit:	1775
Serial No.:	10/511,250	)	Examiner:	J. Savage
Filed:	October 08, 2004	)		
Title:	COMPONENT COMPRISING A MASKING LAYER			

**MAIL STOP: Amendment  
Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Sir:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

This paper is in response to the Office Communication dated as mailed April 5, 2006, and having a response due date of July 5, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.**